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Trade sentiment was irregular but usually about steady on local markets and into the major terminal areas. Retail and distributive movement was light to occasionally moderate. However, interest from traders was centering on other holiday items. Food service and restaurant trading was reported as moderate with fast food ads stimulating some additional movement. Supplies of 4 pound birds were available, with lighter sizes noted as about adequate in the East. In the parts structure, best interest was noted on wings. Breast items and leg quarters were irregular but usually ample, other items were usually sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were usually desirable.

## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 10th, November 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE ITEM (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	135.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	73.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 11/04/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	167,487	172,779	-03
CHICKS PLACED	136,755	130,495	+05

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending November 4, 2000. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 4, 2000. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 4, 2000, were 6.36 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Dec-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 142.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 144.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.11 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady. Offerings fully adequate overall. Buyer's needs were moderate at best. Demand by stores was light to moderate best where features in progress, restaurants fairly good overall best by fast food. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was weak on breasts, barely steady to weak on leg quarters and generally steady on balance of parts.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was slow to moderate with light trading. Supplies were mostly sufficient for current needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with wings in the closest balance and having best movement. Demand for the remaining items was usually light. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**MIDWEST** The trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Additional offers of product were adequate for the disinterested buyers needs. Retail movement was light to moderate, best where featuring is a factor. Retail features in Chicago on whole birds at 49 cents, and in Ohio boneless skinless breasts at \$1.88. Food service demand was slow to moderate, best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes were desirable. On parts items, most buyers were satisfied with regular commitments with additional product available however attention is turning to other seasonal items. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breasts, leg quarters and tenders; mixed on wings as size influences interest; and steady on balance of parts items.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued light to no better than fair as buyers remained cautious and only secured product to cover most immediate needs. Offerings of the 3 to 3.5 pound birds were no more than adequate to closely cleared, however, the heavier sizes were fully adequate to ample. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady on the 3.5 pound and lighter birds, no better than steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts market, boneless-skinless breasts were usually ample and slow to clear, and bone-in breasts were increasingly available. The balance of parts were more than adequate for the seasonal and limited dealer interest.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready to cook whole birds was light and unaggressive as buyers often restricted receipts to insure adequate space for other items more typically active during the upcoming thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were in fairly good balance on the 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes; ample on the heavier. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Wings were clearing well. Other items were at least adequate, particularly breast cuts and leg quarters.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	48-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.27
NO. OF BOXES	13,697

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 08, 2000

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	854	105.00-200.00	145-150	144.15
TENDERLOINS	162	195.00-250.00	195-200	202.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	144	72.00-76.00	72-75	73.69
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	52	33.00-48.00	33-34	36.46
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	24.00-28.00	24-26	24.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,580	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	72.00-75.00	72-73	73.11
WINGS (CUT)	491	79.00-101.00	85-87	84.42
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	801	105.00-200.00	140-145	142.38
TENDERLOINS	200	185.00-250.00	185-190	195.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	81	33.00-48.00	33-34	33.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	24.00-28.00	24-26	24.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,700	26.00-31.00	27-29	27.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	531	83.00-101.00	85-88	86.35
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 54.00	50.03	48.00 - 53.50	49.85	50.38

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity remained unaggressive as dealers maintained minimal inventories moving into the seasonal period. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were ample and discounted, and bone-in breasts were often increasing in availability. The balance of items were at least adequate for the light and selective buyer interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak at times on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady on bone-in breasts, and no better than steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	123.91	783,670
TENDERLOINS	185-190	190.17	214,930
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	70.91	331,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	66.76	152,000
LEGS	35-36	39.23	275,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.47	767,255
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.57	242,260
THIGHS	30-31	33.89	187,100
B/S THIGHS	76-77	78.83	55,100
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.40	416,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	92,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.08	88,065
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.77	111,020

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	122.66	648,268
TENDERLOINS	185-190	193.27	135,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	71.61	292,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.63	197,600
LEGS	35-36	40.05	214,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	28.33	611,624
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.44	229,550
THIGHS	30-31	32.02	213,930
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.20	64,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.67	385,340
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	101,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.95	89,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.56	126,440

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/08	11/07	11/06	11/03	11/01
ALA	3,842	3,892	3,852	3,774	5.04
ARK	4,811	5,256	5,081	4,505	5.03
DELMARVA	2,306	2,301	2,052	2,152	5.11
KY-LA-TN	1,719	1,989	1,970	1,923	4.56
MISS	2,667	2,835	2,817	2,628	5.14
NC	2,531	2,590	2,369	2,710	6.08
TEXAS	2,346	2,301	2,358	2,338	4.86
TOTAL	20,222	21,164	20,499	20,030	5.11
MON-WED	62,060(A)				63,145(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Nov 00 is estimated to be 30,254,000 down 2.95 percent from a week ago and up 2.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 29,536,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	102-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		149-165

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV-11-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/11/00 (1)	11/04/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	155,374 (2)	159,331
LT HENS	1,760	1,890
HVY HENS	1,578	1,432
CHECK TOTAL	158,712	162,653

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Nov-00 is 147.1 million head compared to 150.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.7 million head or 8.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 18-Nov-00 the estimated available is 144.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 6-Nov-00	128,816	72,410
AM 1-Oct-00	156,571	69,164
CHG	-27,755	3,246
PCT CHG	-18	5

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/06/00	10/30/00	11/08/99	11/06/00	10/30/00	11/08/99
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	15,283	17,763	24,442	8,106	8,812	13,884
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	260	264	990	2,317	2,525	5,036

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 11/07/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.60	.61	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.25	.80	.52	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.50	1.20	.86	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.45	.55	.52	BANTAMS ea.	.50	2.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.30	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.35	.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	.90	-	PULLETS ea.	4.50	7.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	2.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.25	1.07	ROOSTERS ea.	.75	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.50	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.70	1.10	.82	TURKEYS ea.	-	15.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.45	1.25	.74	DUCKS ea.	1.50	2.25	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.50	1.15	RABBITS ea.	1.75	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.50	6.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.50	3.75	-				

TOTAL COOPS 166

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2000

		RANGE
<b>HENS</b>	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-65

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending November 3, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks,Backs W/Thighs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	45.42	132.46	70.96	14.19	14.19
High	48.44	141.92	75.69	18.92	18.92
Mostly	47.40	132.46	70.96	14.19	18.92
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	47.50	127.73	75.69	21.29	14.19
High	52.04	141.92	94.62	28.38	21.29
Mostly	49.67	132.46	85.15	23.65	18.92
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	45.42	123.00	66.23	14.19	14.19
High	47.88	141.92	80.42	18.92	18.92
Mostly	46.74	132.46	70.96	14.19	18.92
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	47.02	130.10	75.69	23.65	14.19
High	51.28	144.29	89.89	28.38	21.29
Mostly	48.25	137.19	85.15	26.02	18.92

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